

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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<b>Applicants:</b>	HIROYUKI et al	.	.
<b>Serial No.:</b>	10/567,269	Case No.: BY0030P	<b>Art Unit:</b>
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<b>Entitled:</b>	IMIDAZOPYRIDINE DERIVATIVES	.	Rahmani, Niloofar.

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Commissioner for Patents  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Examiner:

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated **July 31, 2008** ("Office Action"), for which an unextended response date expires October 31, 2008. Also submitted herewith, as Appendix A, is an English translation of Japanese provisional application JP 2003-0207632.

No fee is believed to be due for the submission of this amendment, however, if any fees are due please charge such fees to Merck Deposit Account 13-2755.

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**Remarks** begin on page 9